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Senator Feyen Statement on COVID-19 Legislative Action

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MADISON, WI – Today, State Senator Dan Feyen released the following statement regarding legislative action addressing the COVID-19 pandemic:

“The 2019-2020 legislative session is not over and the State Legislature will meet to address the many issues Wisconsinites are facing. With the Federal Government passing of the \$2 Trillion CARES Act and Governor Evers outlining his legislative asks, it is now the duty of the State Legislature to move forward to fill in the gaps and fully meet our State’s needs. This bipartisan Omnibus bill is being crafted as we speak, negotiated between Republicans and Democrats in both houses, and will ultimately have the governor’s signature.

The Senate is following CDC guidance and the Safer at Home Order and is testing virtual session software on Thursday, April 2nd. This is uncharted territory and the logistics have taken time, but we will be ready to act as soon as the technology is in place.

I continue to maintain contact with state and local officials, business leaders, and constituents to determine where our legislation can be most impactful. One of the provisions that I am in full support of is waiving the one week waiting period for unemployment insurance. This action will help Wisconsinites, who cannot afford a delay, get the support they need. Using federal waivers, eliminating the waiting period will not have a negative impact on the UI fund.

The capitol may be closed, but my staff and I are ready to work and will continue responding to my constituent’s phone calls, emails, and social media posts.”

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